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Appl. No.: 10/023,197
Confirm. No.: 3618
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Title: Electro-Kinetic Air Transporter-Conditioner Device
with Enhanced Cleaning Features

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 1711
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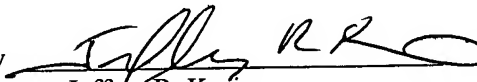
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During prosecution of the above captioned case, Applicants had submitted two separate Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs). A first IDS was filed on October 8, 2002, a second IDS was filed on June 13, 2003. Applicants have not received from the USPTO initialed PTO-1449 forms indicating consideration of these two IDSs. Accordingly, Applicants have enclosed herewith a copy of the first IDS previously filed on October 8, 2002, along with a copy of the return date stamped postcard indicating receipt of the IDS and accompanying references, by the USPTO on October 15, 2002. Applicants have also enclosed herewith a copy of the second IDS previously filed on June 13, 2003, along with a copy of the return date stamped postcard indicating receipt of the IDS and accompanying references, by the USPTO on June 17, 2003. Applicants request that the Examiner provide Applicants with initialed form PTO-1449s, indicating that the references listed therein have been considered.

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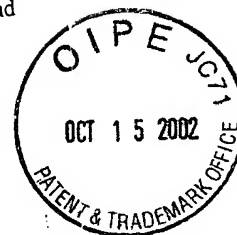
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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449
(6 sheets), along with cited references;
Copy of the PCT Search Report dated August 6, 2001; and
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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It is requested that the information identified in this statement be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application. This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. If this is a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application, it is understood that the Examiner will consider all information which was considered by the Office in a parent application. MPEP §609. Such information therefore is not listed herein unless it is desired that the information be printed on a patent issuing from the subject application.

Enclosed with this statement are the following:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the form and return it to the undersigned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.
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✓ A copy of the PCT Search Report dated August 6, 2001 as well as cited references is enclosed.

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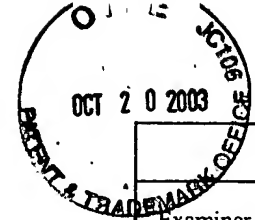
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	3.	3,981,695	Sep. 21, 1976	Fuchs	55	138	Nov. 2, 1973
	4.	3,984,215	Oct. 5, 1976	Zucker	55	2	Jan. 8, 1975
	5.	4,052,177	Oct. 4, 1977	Kide	55	139	Mar. 1, 1976
	6.	4,138,233	Feb. 6, 1979	Masuda	55	139	Jun. 16, 1977
	7.	4,209,306	Jun. 24, 1980	Feldman et al.	55	2	Nov. 13, 1978
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	9.	4,231,766	Nov. 4, 1980	Spurgin	55	138	Dec. 11, 1978
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	11.	4,244,712	Jan. 13, 1981	Tongret	55	124	Mar. 5, 1979
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	13.	4,266,948	May 12, 1981	Teague et al.	55	126	Jan. 4, 1980
	14.	4,282,014	Aug. 4, 1981	Winkler et al.	55	105	May 21, 1979
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	16.	4,386,395	May 31, 1983	Francis, Jr.	363	27	Dec. 19, 1980
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	18.	4,445,911	May 1, 1984	Lind	55	2	Dec. 15, 1981
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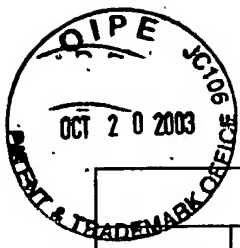
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	35.	4,808,200	Feb. 28, 1989	Dallhammer et al.	55	105	Nov. 12, 1987
	36.	4,811,159	Mar. 7, 1989	Foster, Jr.	361	231	Mar. 1, 1988
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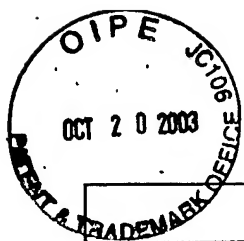
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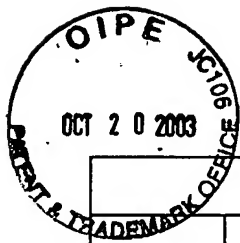
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	130.	JP 10137007	May 26, 1998	Japan			✓	
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	135.	Promotional material available from Zenion Industries for the Plasma-Pure 100/200/300, 2 pages, August 1990.
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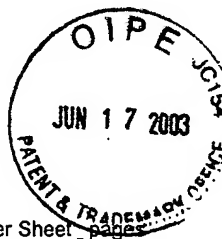
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